

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.           A portable, battery operated sanitizing device for a toothbrush comprising an enclosure about all or part of a toothbrush head, a light emitting device within the enclosure and in close proximity to the toothbrush head capable of emitting light in the ultraviolet range and a battery within or associated with the device for powering the light emitting device.
2.           The sanitizing device of Claim 1 wherein the light emitting device is a Xenon bulb.
3.           The sanitizing device of Claim 1 wherein the light emitting device is capable of emitting light in the long wave ultraviolet range of 350-400 nm.
4.           The sanitizing device of Claim 1 wherein a solar panel is associated with the device to recharge the battery.
5.           The sanitizing device of Claim 1 wherein a magnifying glass or Fresnel lens is arranged between the light emitting device and the toothbrush head.
6.           The sanitizing device of Claim 1 wherein a timer is electrically connected between the battery and light.